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State Elections Officials Certify Primary Election Ballots

JUNE 9, 2018, JUNEAU – The State of Alaska Division of Elections (DOE) director has certified the 2018 August 21 Primary Election ballots for printing.

The deadline for party replacement candidates, withdrawal for party candidates, and to change how a candidate's name appears on the ballot was July 2.

The division has been working with the Department of Law to design ballots coinciding with the findings released in April of the Alaska Supreme Court in the State of Alaska v. Alaska Democratic Party case. Voters will see minor changes on the primary ballots this year including new headers. Candidates running on the Alaskan Independence, Alaska Democratic, Alaska Libertarian (A-D-L) ballots will all have one of the following political affiliation codes listed after their name: (A) Alaska Independence, (D) Democrat, (L) Libertarian, (N) Nonpartisan, and (U) Undeclared. The header for Alaska Republican Party ballots now include information specifying that all candidates are registered Republicans. Sample ballots are posted on the division's [website](#).

"We want voters to become familiar with the process and what they can expect when they participate in early or absentee voting or head to their polling locations on Election Day," said State Elections Director Josie Bahnke. "We are committed to providing Alaskans with the information they need to make informed choices this year."

The division encourages all eligible Alaska residents to make sure they register to vote or update their registration information by the July 22 deadline to participate in the August 21 Primary election. DOE reminds voters that state elections will be conducted under a precinct-based system with early and absentee voting opportunities. Anyone who wishes to receive a ballot in the mail may apply by August 11 to receive a Primary ballot.

For more information about upcoming deadlines please visit:
<http://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/electioncalendar.php>

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